

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on March 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)
Rep. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 103, 3/10/2017; SB 115, 3/10/2017; SB 307, 3/10/2017
Executive Action: HB 390, SB 234

00:01:03 Rep. Webber joined the meeting

HEARING ON SB 115

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:22 Sen. Eric Moore (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 115, Revising stipends for national board certified teachers.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:19 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

[EXHIBIT\(edh52a01\)](#)

00:11:23 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

[EXHIBIT\(edh52a02\)](#)

00:22:47 Laurie Barron, Montana Association of School Superintendents (MASS)

00:26:39 Robert Dobell, Three Forks School District

00:27:35 Shannin Preshinger, Self

00:31:08 Kelly Elder, Self

00:35:25 Libby Goldes, Self

00:36:18 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:37:13 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSB)

00:37:37 Diane Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:39:34 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:56 Rep. Vinton

00:40:12 Sen. Moore

00:41:10 Rep. Vinton

00:41:15 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

00:41:38 Rep. Beard

00:42:20 Sen. Moore

00:42:30 Rep. P. Webb

00:42:51 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:14 Sen. Moore

HEARING ON SB 103

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:00 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 103, Clarify education laws related to minimum aggregate hours and proficiency.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:06 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
 00:51:13 Peter Donovan, Board of Public Education
 00:51:57 Rep. Greef joined the meeting
 00:52:12 Sharyl Allen, Conrad Public Schools
 00:53:05 Barb Riley, National School Boards Association
 00:54:07 Libby Goldes, Self
 00:55:12 Diane Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)
 00:56:28 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
 00:58:20 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)
 00:59:46 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:00:27 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
 01:04:03 Diane Burke, MQEC
 01:04:55 Rep. Essmann
 01:12:06 Sen. L. Jones
 01:12:43 Rep. Funk and Rep. B. Bennett joined the meeting
 01:14:33 Rep. Staffanson
 01:15:02 Sen. L. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

01:16:48 Sen. L. Jones

 01:17:14 Recessed
 01:25:32 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 307**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:25:57 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 307, Revise K-12 school funding laws to address facilities.

[EXHIBIT\(edh52a03\)](#)**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:39:19 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
 01:52:32 Annet Hart, Judith Basin School
 01:54:51 Barb Riley, Columbia Falls Public Schools
 01:57:01 Scott McDowell, Anderson Public School
 01:59:46 Libby Goldes, Self
 02:02:09 Robert Dobell, Three Forks School District
 02:04:48 John Rouse, Browning Public Schools
 02:05:44 Tony Bloom, Self
 02:07:52 Rick Cummings, Cascade Public Schools
 02:08:20 Sharyl Allen, Conrad Public Schools

02:10:51 Diane Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)
02:13:23 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
02:13:38 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
02:17:35 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:18:09 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:18:33 Rep. Essmann
02:24:57 Sen. L. Jones
02:26:05 Rep. Beard
02:27:48 Sen. L. Jones
02:28:24 Rep. Vinton
02:29:04 Sen. L. Jones
02:30:59 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
02:31:15 Sen. L. Jones
02:31:33 Rep. Essmann left the meeting

Closing by Sponsor:

02:32:28 Sen. L. Jones

02:35:09 Recessed
02:41:38 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 390

02:41:59 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **HB 390 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:42:21 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:42:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-3 by voice vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. Staffanson voting no. Rep. Essmann, Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Schreiner voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 234

02:43:47 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **SB 234 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:44:06 Rep. Curtis
02:46:03 Rep. Greef
02:46:29 Rep. Curtis
02:46:48 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
02:47:53 Rep. P. Webb
02:48:35 Rep. Funk

02:49:23 Rep. Anderson
02:50:29 Chair Berglee
02:51:18 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

02:52:20 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. Essmann, Rep. G. Hertz, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. Staffanson voting aye. Rep. Essmann, Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Schreiner voted by proxy.

02:53:28 **Motion:** Rep. Berglee moved that **SB 234 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion was without objection.

02:53:41 Chair Berglee
[EXHIBIT](#)(edh52a04)

02:54:02 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
02:54:14 Chair Berglee
02:54:24 Rep. Curtis

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:55:10

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh52aad.pdf](#))